



# THE HOOD SCOOP

September 2021

## 10th Annual GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, Illinois

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Gateway GTO  
Association



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It is hard to believe that this was the tenth year for our annual benefit car show at the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac, Illinois. The big change for this year, for me anyway, is that Tom Oxler has stepped back from his role organizing this show and so Terry Schott and I took over the event. Tom left us with a detailed how to guide, which we followed and even tweaked a bit.

Over the years this event has expanded and some traditions have developed that make the weekend the great time that it has become.





One of the more recently developed traditions is the Friday Night Bar B Q at the Finkenbinders. This event has quickly become a big highlight of the weekend. Alan and Liane put out a great spread at their home in Pontiac and we all descend on Alan's super-sized man cave for a great meal and some socializing and catching up. This year the Oxler's headed to Pontiac a day early and helped get everything set up.

The weekend officially gets underway on Saturday morning. This year the City of Pontiac had everything ready to go for us out front when we rolled up on the Museum. They also had boxes of goody bags that they had prepared all

ready to go. Once we added a few more items to the bags, including dash plaques that we had brought and tire pressure gages that Heart of Illinois GTO had brought, we were ready for business.

The first activity for the event is always the car cruise. Once again Alan Finkenbinder



had done all of the prep work for another great cruise event. This included all the planning and coordination with the owners of several local collections and a lunch stop on the way. The people of Chatsworth Illinois even had a welcome sign up when the group got to their town.



One of the traditions that had to change starting last year was our Saturday evening activity. Prior to 2020, that activity included



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a Chicken Dinner with an Ice Cream social and then a show put on by Pontiac's own Vermillion Players. For a number of reasons, COVID included, this has changed. Last year, the City of Pontiac invited those of us there for the weekend to join a cruise in around the town square. This was a lot of fun and allowed those of us there for the weekend to meet some of the car enthusiasts from Pontiac and also see their cars. For this year, the City built on that for the Saturday evening event. The car cruise was moved from the town square to Humiston Riverside Park a few blocks from the Museum. The event also included live music by *Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones*. The City had also arranged for a number of food options and even ice cream.



Of course, the main event is the big car show on Sunday. We arrived early and had registration up and running by about 8:30. While we were getting that set up, Terry Schott had assembled a crew and set up a pair of balloons. One was the Pontiac balloon that we had set up before during these events, but the other was a Pontiac Arrowhead balloon and had never been used before at one of our events.

We had once again been lucky enough to have

nice weather for the show. It was a bit warm for a September day in Pontiac, but there was no hint of rain.

With help from Paula, Gail Schott, Donna Bowers, Sue Vie, Jim McCarthy, and Sharon Wildebrandt, the registration went off without a hitch. And, with a combination of folks from



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Gateway and the Heart of Illinois GTO Club, we were able to keep traffic into and out of the town square under control so everyone could be safe looking at all of the great cars.

After all the voting was done it was time to tabulate. Once again Tammy Hedrick made that super easy by setting up all of the balloting sheets up front for us. We would not be able to pull this off anywhere nearly as efficiently without her help!

Brian Sorensen and members of The Heart of Illinois GTO club took the lead performing the tabulation with some help from Jim McCarthy and Frank Chapman. Once we had it all totaled up, Mark Melrose helped Brian get everything in order for the awards ceremony.

The first order of business was for Pontiac Mayor Alvey to say a few words to welcome the crowd. During his opening remarks, he noted that Gateway GTO had organized an effort to help the City of Pontiac with the cost of the new awnings that had been installed at the Museum. In recognition of those efforts, the Mayor handed out certificates of recognition to those who had contributed to this effort. Recognized were Gateway GTO, The GTO Association of America, the Mays, the Oxlers, the Bowers, the Wildebrandts and the Schneiders.



We then proceeded to hand out trophies for the Mayors Choice, The Museum's Choice, and the Kids Pick. This year Tim chose a 1926 Oakland for the Museum's choice. I think most of us thought that car was the star of the show.

Next up on the agenda was the 50/50 drawings. As he does every year, Earl Lewis had done a great job selling tickets and ended up raising \$557 for the museum.



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Then it was time for the main event. We handed out a total of 72 trophies including several to Gateway GTO members including:

- Rick Lacavich
- Jim McCarthy
- John Grissom
- Mark Melrose
- Frank Chapman
- Lucas Hedrick
- Harry Timmerman
- Jon Havens

Of course, all of this is to raise money to help support the Pontiac Oakland Museum. Once we totaled up everything, we determined that our final tally was \$4757.73 We will be presenting that to the Museum in a few weeks.

Terry and I would like to thank all of you from Gateway who came and helped out again this year and we also want to recognize all of the great support that we got from the staff of the City of Pontiac, especially Ellie Alexander and Liz Vincent. Without their support, we would not be able to pull this off every year. We also want to recognize the help and support we get from Penny Dye who works tirelessly to make sure we have what we need. Finally, I would like to thank everyone that sent me their great photos from the event.







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# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

September is always a busy month for Gateway GTO and this year was no exception. I'm happy to report that this year we were able to have our annual WIM event. As many of you know, we got rained out in 2019 and 2020 was canceled due to Covid 19.

This year's event was a lot better. It was a little hotter than normal, but that's a small trade-off for a dry day. Gateway's crew of workers was there as usual to help run the gate and put on the raffle. There were plenty of items to fill the raffle table. Although our car-count this year was less than in previous years, we were still able to raise a little more money than our previous high mark. A special thanks to all who participated and thanks to all who worked to help have another successful charity show.

We just hosted our 10th Annual Pontiac Regional event benefitting the Pontiac Oakland Museum. Several members met on Friday, September 17, at the Cracker Barrel in Troy, IL and had lunch together prior to caravanning to Pontiac. Friday evening, we were treated to a BBQ at Gateway members, Alan and Liane Finkenbinder's, house. There were about 50 people there including Gateway members, Tim and Penny Dye and other guests from Pontiac. As usual, the food was great and it's always good to get to visit with our friends from Pontiac. Thanks to Alan and Liane for another great evening.

In the past, Ellie Alexander, the Pontiac Tourism Director, has been our contact for assistance in Pontiac. She was still a big part of planning for this year's event; however, she just retired the week before our cruise and show. Her assistant of many years, Liz Vincent, has taken over this task. Liz did a fantastic job for us. Chris Winslow and I are now the co-chairs for the event and were very pleased with all that the City of Pontiac has done for us. The grass lot where we have parked trailers before, has been repurposed to build a small strip mall. We were concerned about trailer parking. Ellie and Liz talked to the owners of the new Wally's RV & Truckstop and were able to get us parking for up to 50 trailers on Wally's new lot. The all-concrete lot provided us with great parking no matter what the weather. We had asked if Pontiac would help set up that area. They provided the signage and coned off the spots for us. It's truly a pleasure to work with the city. They always do more than what we ask.

Saturday morning, we all met around 8 AM at the museum to set up our registration area. The City already had our tents up and we were able to get started right away on our preliminary work and registration started around 8:30. It was busy at first with all of the attendees that wanted to join in the local cruise, and registrations dropped off later in the day. Alan Finkenbinder did another great job of organizing our car cruise. He had arranged to visit a few private collections and then planned a lunch stop in nearby Chatsworth. Chatsworth provided sites to see and shops to visit, as well. Thanks to Alan for setting this up and providing us with cruises every year. They are a big part of our event, and everyone enjoys getting to cruise with their cars.







## Presidents Scoop



The weather was great all weekend. We were able to put up the usual Pontiac balloon, along with another balloon in the shape of the Pontiac crest. The car count was down a little from last year, but still a great turnout. You can find more on this event in the balance of this newsletter. Thanks to all of the Gateway members who worked to help make this show a success.

Our next event will be our annual Gateway GTO BBQ and picnic. It will be held on Sunday, October 3, at Vago Park in Maryland Heights, MO. We are hoping for good weather, not only so that we can enjoy the BBQ, but also for the Washer Tournament hosted by Barb and Earl Lewis. The BBQ'd meats will be provided by the club, and you are asked to bring your own drinks along with a side dish or dessert to be shared with the group.

At our next meeting on October 7, we will be accepting nominations for new officers. Forms and more info will be sent out by email. Please try to attend and I hope to see you there.

# GATEWAY GTO



# 35 YEARS OF SLAMMIN' GEARS

# Official Gateway GTO Officer Nomination Form For 2021

This is the official Nominations form that must be filled out and Mailed or  
Emailed to Will Bowers.

Only this form will be accepted.

President

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Vice President – MO

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Vice President – IL

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Treasurer

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Secretary

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GTOAA Chapter Rep

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**ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBER PLEASE**

**MAIL OR EMAIL TO:**

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St. Charles, MO 63304  
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# Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



## Meeting Minutes 9-2-21

7:15 PM – Meeting Start – No new members.

### Old Business

Terry Schott talked about the new awnings for the Pontiac Museum.

John Grissom talked about the Wentzville cruise.

Joe Mayweather talked about the Hazelwood Baptist car show. He was unable to participate because all cars had to be at least 40 years old.

Terry Schott talked about Wheels in Motion show. We still need volunteers.

Terry Schott talked about the new club dues.

### 7:22 – New Business

Terry Schott talked about new officer nominations. They are now open and must be turned in before the November meeting.

Terry Schott talked about Covid guidelines for the Pontiac regional event. Masks are required in the building. There is a BBQ at the Finkenbinder’s house on Friday.

Terry Schott talked about the Archway Old’s trivia night and the Gateway GTO Picnic.

### 7:34 – Upcoming Events

9/11 – Randy Gori Memorial Car Show – Edwardsville, IL

9/12 – Wheels in Motion – Maryland Heights, MO

9/18-9/19 – Pontiac Regional Event – Pontiac, IL

10/3 – Gateway GTO Picnic – Vago Park – Maryland Heights, MO

10/30 – Archway Old’s collector car trivia night

12/4 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party – Sandra Melrose stated that the party will be Hawaiian themed

### 7:45 – GTOAA

Chris Winslow talked about back issues of The Legend and the GTOAA website.

### 7:49 – Tech

Mark Melrose talked about his GTO. He said that it’s running well after the new engine was installed.

Steve Hedrick talked about attending Mecum auto auctions. He brought in some brochures. He also talked about the 2022 Nationals.

Jim McCarthy said that he has an acquaintance that is looking for a classic GTO.

Earl Lewis is selling his highly modified Saturn Sky.

8:01 – Motion to Adjourn by Tom Fox, seconded by Earl Lewis.

50/50 of \$39 won by Donna Bowers



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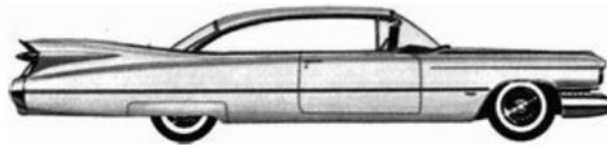


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***ALL GM CAR SHOW***

***Oct 2, 2021***

***9:00 am to 2:00 pm***

**Enjoy Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda !**





# 43<sup>RD</sup> GTOAA NATIONALS

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Room Reservations

**ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE CALL**

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# Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

**Gateway GTO Dues for 2021 are \$20 and are due by the February Gateway GTO Meeting but there is still time if you missed that deadline.**

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting  
Will's Address:  
4213 Napa View Lane  
St. Charles, MO 63304
- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow or Terry Schott if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership





# GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

New

Renewal

Returning

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

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Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

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**GTO Association of America membership number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GTO Association of America membership renewal date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(found on address label of *Legend*)

**PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS**

**And mail to:**

Will Bowers, Treasurer  
Gateway GTO Association  
4213 Napa View Lane  
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Membership dues are \$20.  
You are allowed one associate member (spouse, significant other, etc.).

# GTOAA Membership Renewal

**Starting in 2020 GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to GTOAA:**

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org).
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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# Year Of The 1's



**Calling all owners of 1971 GTO's!**

**In 2021, in celebration of:  
50th Anniversary of the 1971 GTO**

**The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year**

**If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow**



2021 GATEWAY GTO  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 2 - Quality Buick-GMC All GM Car Show, 1620 E Homer Adams Parkway, Alton IL  
9:00-2:00
- 3 - Annual Gateway GTO picnic at Vago Park
- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

November

- 4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

December

- 4 - Annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party at the Webster Groves Barn

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT [WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG](http://WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG)

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**Gateway GTO Classifieds**

**WANTED**

**An Enclosed Trailer big enough for hauling a GTO.  
Must be Bumper Hitch Style trailer  
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## Gateway GTO Club Information

The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage. The club meets every first Thursday of the month at Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.

## Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

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